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# A BILL FOR AN ACT

RELATING TO THE STATE OF HAWAII MUSEUM OF NATURAL AND CULTURAL HISTORY.

**BE IT ENACTED BY THE LEGISLATURE OF THE STATE OF HAWAII:**

1       SECTION 1. The legislature finds that the State of Hawaii  
2 museum of natural and cultural history is the world's premier  
3 resource for Hawaiian and Pacific materials, housing the world's  
4 largest collection of Hawaiian and oceanic cultural artifacts  
5 including more than twenty-two million biological specimens from  
6 Hawaii and the Pacific region.

7       The legislature also finds that the State has supported the  
8 State of Hawaii museum of natural and cultural history's mission  
9 and operational activities through annual appropriations of  
10 general revenues, but these appropriations have decreased  
11 significantly during the preceding decade.

12       The legislature further finds that restoring the State's  
13 allocation to the State of Hawaii museum of natural and cultural  
14 history is critical to ensure that the museum's collections are  
15 properly preserved, protected, and maintained, and that its



1 essential cultural and historical services continue to be  
2 provided to the State.

3 SECTION 2. Section 6E-40, Hawaii Revised Statutes, is  
4 amended to read as follows:

5 **"§6E-40 Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum.** (a) The official  
6 designation of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum shall be the  
7 State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History.

8 (b) The qualifying standards and conditions related to the  
9 receipt of funds contained in chapter 42F shall not apply to  
10 funds received by the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and  
11 Cultural History; provided that if the museum in turn contracts  
12 with a recipient or provider, then the qualifying standards,  
13 conditions, and other provisions of chapter 42F shall apply to  
14 the recipient or provider and the contract.

15 (c) Beginning with the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium and each  
16 fiscal biennium thereafter, the governor shall include in the  
17 executive budget submitted to the legislature pursuant to  
18 article VII, section 8, of the Hawaii State Constitution, no  
19 less than \$2,000,000 per fiscal year as a recurring cost to be  
20 allocated to the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural  
21 History."



1       SECTION 3. There is appropriated out of the general  
2 revenues of the State of Hawaii the sum of \$               or so much  
3 thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year 2019-2020 and the  
4 same sum or so much thereof as may be necessary for fiscal year  
5 2020-2021 to support the work of the Bernice Pauahi Bishop  
6 Museum, including but not limited to collections care and  
7 student learning programs.

8       The sums appropriated shall be expended by the State of  
9 Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History for the purposes  
10 of this Act.

11       SECTION 4. New statutory material is underscored.

12       SECTION 5. This Act shall take effect on July 1, 2050.



**Report Title:**

Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History; Bernice Pauahi Bishop Museum; Base Budget; Appropriation

**Description:**

Beginning with the 2021-2023 fiscal biennium and each fiscal biennium thereafter, requires the governor to include in the executive budget a minimum amount per fiscal year as a recurring cost to be allocated to the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History. Appropriates funds to support the work of the State of Hawaii Museum of Natural and Cultural History. Effective 7/1/2050. (SD2)

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